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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL FOOD LABELING SURVEY

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L. THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTING FRENCH LABELLING
REGULATIONS PRIMARILY MINISTERIAL DECISION OF OCTOBER 10/
12, 1972 BELONGS TO THE FRENCH MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
(MINISTERE DE L'AGRICULTURE, DIRECTION DE LA QUALITE,
42 BIS RUE DE BOURGOGNE, 75007, PARIS, TEL. 555.95.50).

2. ACCORDING TO FRENCH REGULATIONS, IT IS NOT NECES-
SARY TO SPECIFY CARBOHYDRATE CONTENT WHEN IT IS A NATU-
RAL CONSTITUENT OF THE PRODUCT OFFERED FOR SALE, FOR
EXAMPLE SUGAR ORIGINALLY IN FRUIT; SUGAR ONLY NEEDS TO
BE LISTED IF ADDED TO THE FOOD PRODUCT. THIS IS ALSO
THE CASE FOR FATS AND PROTEINS.

3. FRENCH REGULATIONS IN FACT SIMPLY REQUIRE THAT ELE-
MENTS CONTAINED IN FOOD PRODUCTS BE LISTED IN DECREAS-
ING ORDER OF MAGNITUDE TOGETHER WITH CHEMICAL ADDITIVES
AS PER EEC MOMENCLATURE; THE NET WEIGHT AND DATE OF
USE MUST ALSO APPEAR.

4. WHEN THE PRODUCT IS SOLD UNDER A SPECIFIC PRODUCT
CATEGORY ITS CONTENT IN THAT PRODUCT MUST BE SPECIFIED
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IN PERCENTAGE: E.G. FISH: 80 PERCENT.

5. HEALTH CLAIMS ARE NOT PERMITTED UNLESS A SPECIAL
AUTHORIZATION IS OBTAINED FROM THE MINISTRY OF
HEALTH. THESE AUTHORIZATIONS ARE DIFFICULT TO OB-
TAIN.

6. WEIGHT BREAKDOWN BY COMPONENT AND CALORIES ARE
OCCASIONALLY VOLUNTEERED BUT THIS IS NOT A REQUIREMENT.
THE INFORMATION ON A CONTAINER APPLIES TO THE ENTIRE
CONTENTS OF THE CONTAINER AND PRACTICALLY NEVER TO
DOSES.
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